(d) As per the available reports the number of persons made literate so far under Total Literacy Campaign in the State of Gujarat is as follows:

Name of the district	Number of persons made literate (in lakhs)
Bhavnagar	1.90
Gandhinagar	0.21
Ahmedabad	2.71
Amreli	0.78
Banaskantha	2.54
Dangs	0.21
Jamnagar	1.13
Kheda	2.24
Mehsana	1.81
Panchmahals	3.63
Rajkot	0.97
Surat	2.21
Surendranagar	1.89
Valsad	1.43
Bhuj-kutch	1.20
Junagarh	1.79
Sabarkantha	1.21
Bharuch	1.10
Vadodara	2.29

(e) The entire state of Gujarat (19 districts) has been brought within the ambit of total Literacy Campaigns.

Amendment to environment (Protection) Act, 1986

1523. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 has become a hurdle for clearance of power projects and other projects;

(b) whether Government are considering to give more functional autonomy to State Governments under the said Act by amending it; and

(c) whether Government have also directed the State Pollution Control Boards to upgrade its capacity to make it capable of handling mega power projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Medalities for delegation of power to State Governments for according environmental clearance to theremal power projects are under finalisation.

Pollution created by generators in the capital

1524. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the generators used in case of non-abailability of power in the Capital are creating pollution;

(b) if so, whether Government now propose to check the emission level of generators air and noise generated by them; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) No specific study has been done regarding pollution generated from generators used in case of no-availability of power in the Capital. However, generators cause air pollution due to gaseous emissions and noise.

(b) and (c) Steps taken to control air and noise pollution caused by generators include:—

(1) General emission standards have been notified for diesel generator sets with respect to particulate matter.

(2) Noise standards for the generators have been notified at the manufacturing stage.

(3) Ambient air quality standards have been notified in respect of noise for various category of areas.

(4) The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi is implementing the recommendations of the Rajamani Committee regarding control of air and noise pollution.